REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 61-72 are rejected. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 61-72 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,256, in view of Burkhardt et al. "Automated fuzzy knowledge based generation and tuning", Pages 179-188, 1992.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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